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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, SEPTEMBER 18, 1998

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, EX REL.

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

CASE NO. PUA980020

Ex Parte: In the matter of adopting rules governing the filing of applications for approval pursuant to Chapter 4 of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia

ORDER EXTENDING TIME FOR FILING COMMENTS

By order entered on July 21, 1998 ("July 21 Order"), the Commission invited interested persons to file comments addressing the proposed rules governing applications for approval of affiliate transactions under Chapter 4 of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia on or before September 21, 1998.¹

On September 15, 1998, Appalachian Power Company, d/b/a American Electric Power Co, Inc. ("APCO") filed a request for an extension of time by which to submit its written comments. APCO requested that it be permitted to file its comments by October 2, 1998. It explained that because the complex ramifications of the proposed rules have required extensive analysis, the preparation of its comments has taken longer than expected. Additionally, we have

¹ The proposed rules may be found in Attachment A to the July 21 Order.

been advised by our Staff that they have been informally contacted by other interested stakeholders requesting that the time for filing comments on the proposed rules be extended.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the matter, is of the opinion and finds that extending the time for the filing of comments on the proposed rules by 45 days is reasonable in light of the complexity of the subject and the importance of formulating appropriate rules governing affiliate transactions. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that the time by which comments concerning the proposed rules addressing affiliate transactions is extended from September 21, 1998, to November 5, 1998.